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Veterans have lauded U.S. Rep. Sanford Bishop, D-Albany, for his support of a bill that would allow them to collect disability compensation along with retirement pay.

Current law forbids veterans receiving retirement benefits and disability.

Former 8th Congressional District Rep. Jim Marshall, D-Macon, introduced the bill two years ago, and Bishop has been a supporter.

Veterans groups have decried the practice of disallowing the benefits collection, saying it is an unfair tax.